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1. REGRET OUR OMISSION TO PROVIDE NEGATIVE REPORT
ON CONSULTATIONS WITH GOI ADVISERS REGARDING
INDONESIAN COMPLIANCE WITH GATT OBLIGATIONS.
HARVARD DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY SERVICE AND IMF
PERSONNEL CONSULTED ANEW IN RESPONSE TO REFERENCE
REPORT THERE IS STILL NO EVIDENCE THAT INDONESIANS ARE
COMING TO GRIPS WITH GATT COMPLIANCE AS AFFECTED
BY ADOPTION OF BTN. IN FACT, OUR IMPRESSION THAT
INDONESIANS HAVE QUITE A RELAXED VIEW OF THE TWO-
YEAR GRACE PERIOD OBTAINED FOR ARTICLE XXVII M
RENEGOTIATIONS, AND HAVE PUSHED GATT COMPLIANCE TO THE
BOTTOM OF THE WORKBOX. ADVISERS, WHO HAVE BEEN
HELPFUL TO THE EMBASSY IN PROVIDING INFORMATION
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REPORTED REF B AND SINCE, ARE UNABLE IN PERSONAL

CAPACITY TO OFFER ANY FURTHER INSIGHT INTO THE
PROBLEM AT HAND.

2. APPEARS THAT INDONESIANS ARE DISSUADED FROM
DELVING INTO GATT QUESTION BY PRESS OF MORE URGENT
PROBLEMS AND ALSO PERHAPS BECAUSE THEY ARE UNCERTAIN
HOW TO PROCEED. DOUBTFUL THEY WILL BE PREPARED FOR
NEGOTIATIONS UNLESS THEY ARE GIVEN SOME EARLY INDUCE-
MENT AND HELP. IN THIS, LIKE THE ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE
ISSUE, WOULD HOPE THAT TASK OF ENCOURAGING INDONESIANS
TO THINK THROUGH THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES MORE ACTIVELY
MIGHT BE TAKEN ON BY APPROPRIATE INTERNATIONAL BODY--
E.G., GATT.
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